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SUBJ: POSSIBLE DISAPPEARANCE OF AMCIT WILLIAM H. BUESCHER,
ITU CANDIDATE

1. TECHNICAL COOPERATION PERSONNEL OFFICER OF INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU) ADVISED MISSION TODAY THAT AMCIT WILLIAM HENRY BUESCHER, WHO WAS ON ROUTE FROM US TO TEL AVIV TO INTERVIEW FOR ITU FIELD POST POSITION, DID NOT APPEAR AT TEL AVIV AIRPORT ON SCHEDULED FLIGHT SUNDAY EVENING, AUGUST 31. ITU REPORTS ISRAELI HOSTS CONCERNED AND CALLED ITU HEADQUARTERS TO LEARN IF THERE WAS ANY CHANGE IN PLANS. ITU HAD NOT BEEN ADVISED OF ANY.

2. BUESCHER BORN MAY 17, 1922, IN JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS, HOME ADDRESS: 50 E. MIDDLEFIELD, MOUNTAINVIEW, CALIFORNIA 94030 (PHONE: 415-965-1109). ITU REPORTS BUESCHER LEFT CALIFORNIA SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 FOR NEW YORK WHERE HE BOARDED TWA 800 FOR PARIS ARRIVING THERE AT 0730 SUNDAY, AUGUST 31. ACCORDING TO ITU, TWA ADVISED THEM THAT BUESCHER BOARDED TWA 890 FOR TEL AVIV AT 0940 WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO STOP OVER ROME AND ARRIVE TEL AVIV AT 1755 HOURS. WHEN FLIGHT ARRIVED TEL AVIV, ISRAELI HOSTS, WHO WERE AT AIRPORT TO MEET HIM, REPORTED BUESCHER WAS NOT ON BOARD. ISRAELIS QUERIED ITU ON MONDAY,
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SEPTEMBER 1 RE ANY CHANGE IN PLANS BUT ITU UNAWARE ANY

CHANGE. ITU THEN CHECKED WITH TWA AND LEARNED OF FOREGOING;
THEY DID NOT ADVISE MISSION UNTIL TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 AS THEY
KNEW MISSION CLOSED ON LABOR DAY.

3. FOR TEL AVIV AND JERUSALEM. PLEASE ATTEMPT LOCATE BUESCHER
WHO MAY HAVE SWITCHED PLANES IN ROME AND ARRIVED LATER. IF
LOCATED, ASK HIM TO CONTACT SOONEST DR. KELLER, NATIONAL
DIRECTOR, TELECOMMUNICATIONS INSTITUTE, TEL AVIV, OR UNDP RESREP,
JERUSALEM, PHONE 31-248.

4. FOR ROME. SUGGEST CHECKS WITH ITALIAN POLICE AND WITH TWA
BE MADE.

5. FOR DEPARTMENT. NEITHER ITU OR ISRAELIS HAVE NOTIFIED
BUESCHER'S FAMILY OF HIS DISAPPEARANCE. DEPARTMENT
MAY WISH TO CONTACT FAMILY TO SEE IF THEY HAVE ANY INFORMATION
HIS CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.DALE

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